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SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH GENERAL MURDANI

1. MURDANI, ACCOMPANIED BY AMB. ASHARI, CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM JUNE 14. DAS OAKLEY ALSO PRESENT. SUBJECT OF FMS CREDIT AVAILABILITY HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN EARLIER MEETING WITH OAKLEY WHICH BEING REPORTED SEPTEL. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS OF INTEREST IN CORDIAL, RELAXED DISCUSSION.

2. USG-GOI RELATIONS. UNDER SECRETARY NOTED HE CONTINUED FOLLOW INDONESIAN DEVELOPMENTS WITH GREAT INTEREST AND UNDERSTOOD FROM AMBASSADOR MASTERS' REPORTING USG-GOI RELATIONS GOING WELL. MURDANI RESPONDED THAT SINCE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT "THE UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN COMPLETE". UNDER SECRETARY SAID THAT THIS ALSO OUR IMPRESSION. UNDER SECRETARY STATED THAT, DUE BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS AND OTHER HIGH PRIORITIES, THERE WILL CONTINUE BE AREAS IN WHICH USG CANNOT DO AS MUCH AS WE WOULD LIKE TO DO. UNDER SECRETARY
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SAID WE ARE GRATIFIED HERE AT THE MANY STEPS GOI HAS TAKEN INFIELDSHE AND MURDANI HAD TALKED ABOUT IN JAKARTA, SUCH AS THE DETAINEE PROBLEM AND EAST TIMOR.

3. DETAINEE RELEASES. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF ACCELERATED RELEASES, MURDANI SAID GOI DOES PLAN ACCELERATE RELEASES IN 1978 AND WILL GO AHEAD WITH SOME

RELEASES ABOUT EVERY OTHER MONTH BEGINNING PROBABLY LATE JULY OR EARLY AUGUST. IN RESPONSE TO UNDER SECRETARY'S QUESTION WHETHER RE-INTEGRATION OF RELEASEES HAD B GOING EASILY, MURDANI SAID "TOO EASILY TO BE TRUE. IT MAKES US SUSPICIOUS".

4. FMS CREDITS. MURDANI NOTED HIS MAIN PURPOSE IN VISITING WASHINGTON WAS TO CHECK ON STATUS OF FMS CREDIT. IMPLYING HE WAS QUITE SATISFIED WITH EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH DAS OAKLEY (SEPTTEL), MURDANI REMARKED THAT THE IMPETUS FOR THE TRIP WAS MAINLY BECAUSE HE HAS A SET OF NEW BOSSES AND THAT IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO GET THEM FAMILIAR WITH THE PROBLEMS OF ADJUSTING TO US PROCEDURES.

5. EAST TIMOR. AGAIN IN RESPONSE QUESTION, MURDANI SAID THE GOVERNOR SHOULD HAVE BEEN REMOVED BEFORE THE END OF HIS CURRENT TRIP AND THAT HE WOULD LET THE UNDER SECRETARY KNOW THROUGH AMBASSADOR MASTERS WHEN THE CRS SCHEME CAN GO AHEAD. MURDANI NOTED THAT THERE MIGHT BE A SMALL TECHNICALITY ABOUT HOW FAR INLAND CRS REPRESENTATIVES COULD GO. UNDER SECRETARY NOTED THAT IN EARLIER DISCUSSIONS HE HAD SUGGESTED CRS MIGHT USE INDONESIAN PERSONNEL FOR PROGRAMS IN EAST TIMOR. CHRISTOPHER

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